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SUBJECT: UNFDAC PROGRAM IN LAOS

REF: A) BANGKOK 4779 (NOTAL); B) GENEVA 2343 (NOTAL);
C) STATE 041938 (NOTAL).

1. AS INDICATED REFTEL (A) AMBASSADOR OBERG HAS RAISED
QUESTION OF POSSIBLE LAO GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN ILLICIT
NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. DEPT BELIEVES USG CONCERNS ON THIS
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SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO SWEDISH UNFDAC REPRESENTATIVE
AND GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN.

2. FOR GENEVA: SINCE REXED HAS ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED BY
US DELEGATION TO CND MEETING IN HIS CAPACITY AS FUTURE
UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WE SUGGEST THAT US DELEGATION
ADVISE HIM THAT EMBASSY STOCKHOLM WILL ALSO BE EXPRESSING

OUR CONCERNS TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. FOR STOCKHOLM: IN DISCUSSION WITH SWEDISH GOVT DEPT
SUGGESTS APPROACH ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A) IN VIEW OF FACT AMBASSADOR OBERG HAS RAISED MATTER WITH
OUR EMBASSY IN BANGKOK, THE US WISHES TO INFORM THE GOVT
OF SWEDEN THAT WE BELIEVE THERE IS SUBSTANCE TO REPORTS
(INCLUDING INFORMATION FROM FORMER
LPDR OFFICIALS) THAT ALLEGE LPDR INVOLVEMENT IN
ILLICIT NARCOTICS SALES TO WORLD MARKET DRUG DEALERS.
ALTHOUGH LAO OFFICIAL STATEMENTS INDICATE THEY HAVE PRO-
HIBITED TRADE IN NARCOTICS WITHIN THEIR TERRITORY, THE USG
REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT EXTENT OF LAO COMMITMENT TO ANTI-
NARCOTICS EFFORT.

B. WE HAVE EXPRESSED TO UNFDAC OUR OPPOSITION TO THE
LATEST LAO PROPOSAL TO USE UNFDAC FUNDS TO RELOCATE
MOUNTAIN PEOPLES IN LOWLAND AREA. WHILE WE SEE SOME MERIT
IN UNFDAC CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECTS IN HIGHLAND AREAS OF
LAOS WHERE HILLTRIBES LIVE AND OPIUM POPPY IS GROWN, WE
BELIEVE FUNDING RELOCATION OF TRIBES TO LOWLAND AREAS
UNACCEPTABLE ON TECHNICAL, HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL
GROUNDS.

C) OUR DELEGATION TO THE CND MEETING HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED
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SIMILAR CONCERNS TO SWEDISH DELEGATION IN GENEVA.

4. FOR BANGKOK: DEPT WOULD PREFER THAT THIS SUBJECT BE
HANDLED THROUGH GENEVA AND STOCKHOLM AT THIS TIME. IF
OBERG RAISES THIS MATTER WITH YOU AGAIN, WE SUGGEST YOU
REPLY THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE US HAS EXPRESSED ITS CON-
CERNS IN THIS MATTER DIRECTLY WITH STOCKHOLM.

5. REFTELS B AND C ARE BEING REPEATED STOCKHOLM. VANCE

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